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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: JAPAN-DRV RELATIONS

1. FONOFF (HANABUSA, HEAD FIRST SE ASIA DIV) INFORMED EMBASSY
GOJ-DRV TALKS ON A) PENDING ISSUES AND B) QUESTION OF SETTING
UP EMBASSIES ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN DEC 13 IN VIENTIANE.
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AND DRV CHARGE WILL CONDUCT TALKS. HANABUSA
SAID THAT TALKS ON PENDING ISSUES AND QUESTION OF EMBASSIES
WOULD BE SEPARATE AND THAT DRV HAD MADE CLEAR ITS ACCEPTANCE
OF SEPARATENESS.

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2. REGARDING PENDING ISSUES, HANABUSA STRESSED THERE WAS NO CHANGE

IN GOJ POLICY. GOJ WOULD NOT CONSIDER MAKING REPARATIONS NOR WOULD GOJ PROVIDE ECONOMIC AID IN LIEU OF REPARATIONS AS WAS DONE WITH LAOS AND CAMBODIA. GOJ MADE CLEAR MUCH EARLIER THAT IT INTENDED TO PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE TO ALL OF INDO-CHINA FOR RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION AND, HANABUSA SAID, DRV MUST DISCUSS QUESTION IN THAT FRAME OF REFERENCE. GOJ EXPECTS THAT KNOWLEDGE OF JAPANESE GOOD FAITH ON AID SHOULD SUFFICE FOR DRV.

3. OTHER PENDING MATTER FOR DRV IS GOJ RECOGNITION OF PRG. HANABUSA SAID HE WISHED TO MAKE GOJ POLICY ABSOLUTELY CLEAR. GOJ WOULD NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE PRG AND WOULD NOT PERMIT VIETNAMESE TRAVELLING ON PRG PASSPORTS TO ENTER JAPAN. HE ADDED THAT GOJ LEGALLY COULD GRANT THEM ENTRY BUT WOULD NOT BECAUSE OF GVN SENSITIVITIES. SHOULD DRV PRESS GOJ ON THIS ISSUE, HANABUSA SAID AID TO DRV WOULD HAVE TO WAIT.

4. HANABUSA SAID THAT IF TALKS WENT WELL GOJ COULD ESTABLISH ITS EMBASSY IN HANOI BEFORE YEAR'S END. HANOI HAS NOT INDICATED WHEN IT MIGHT SET UP EMBASSY IN TOKYO BUT JAPANESE ASSUME THAT IT WOULD TAKE LONGER.

5. COMMENT: HANABUSA REQUESTED THAT CONFIDENTIALITY OF FACT THAT TALKS ARE BEING CONDUCTED, PLACE, ETC., BE RESPECTED. HE ALSO INDICATED CONSIDERABLE SENSITIVITY ON GOJ'S PART ON QUESTION OF REPARATIONS.
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